

CLAIMS

1. A steering apparatus comprising: a housing; a rack shaft
connected to a traveling wheel steering mechanism, having
5 rack teeth formed at least on part of an outer surface, and
movably supported with respect to the housing; and a pinion
connected to a steering wheel and having meshing engagement
with the rack teeth,

wherein the rack shaft is provided with a rolling
10 contact surface on the opposite side of the rack teeth across
an axis line and a pair of surfaces extending in parallel
with an axis line on both sides across the rolling contact
surface,

the apparatus further comprises a rolling member
15 rolling on the rolling contact surface of the rack shaft
and an urging member having contact with the pair of surfaces
and applying an urging force,

wherein the urging member is attached to the housing,
forms an annular configuration surrounding the entire
20 circumference of the rack shaft, and has a contact portion
having contact with the pair of surfaces to apply the urging
force.

2. The steering apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
25 the contact portion of the urging member comprises a pressing
portion having the shape of a cantilever.